

2008

# DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Utah State Senator

Of

Benton L. Petersen


(Printed name exactly as it is to be printed on the official ballot. No amendments or modifications after March 17, 2008)

For the office of Utah State Senator for the State Senate District 24

STATE OF UTAH }  
County of Sanpete } ss.

I, Benton L. Petersen, declare my intention of becoming a candidate for the office of Utah State Senator for the State Senate District 24 as a candidate for the Constitution party. I do solemnly swear that: I will meet the qualifications to hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected; I reside at 120 North 470 East in the City of, Manti, Utah, 84642, Phone No. 835-8689; I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot. The mailing address that I designate for receiving official election notices is same as listed above.

email address: bpfreedom@hotmail.com Website: none

  
Signature of Candidate (Must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 14, 2008

  
(Officer qualified to administer oaths)

(Seal)



Date Received

Lieutenant Governor 5 Mar 08



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(Utah Code Section 20A-9-201)

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Name of Candidate Number	BENTON L PETERSEN	Phone	1-435-835-8689
Street Address	120 NORTH 470 EAST	City	MANTI
		State	UTAH
		Zip Code	84642

I, BENTON L. PETERSEN  
(Name of Candidate)

do solemnly swear/ affirm, under penalty of law for false statements, that, owing to my poverty,

I am unable to pay the filing fee required by law.

Benton Petersen

Signature of Candidate

march 14, 2008

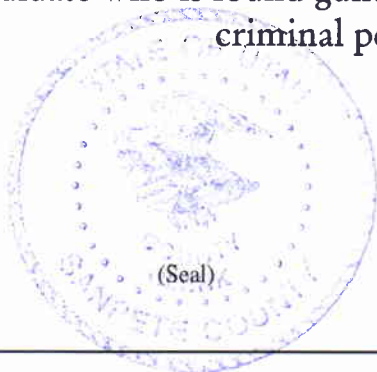
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this march 14, 2008  
(month/day/year)

Sandy Neill

(Officer qualified to administer oaths)

Filing a false statement is a criminal offense. In accordance with Section 20A-9-609, a candidate who is found guilty of filing a false statement, in addition to being subject to criminal penalties, will be removed from the ballot.



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PLEDGE OF  
FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES  
(UCA § 20A-9-206)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

**THEREFORE:**

I SHALL conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

I SHALL NOT use nor shall I permit the use of scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in or nor shall I permit the use of defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in nor shall I permit the use of any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

I SHALL NOT use nor shall I permit the use of any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.


I SHALL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

I SHALL defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Name: Benton L. Petersen

Office: Utah State Senator, State Senate District 24

Signature: 

Date: March 14, 2008

\*This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair campaign practices.

\*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.

# QUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

(Utah Code Section 20A-9-201)

Please initial:

Bef The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory requirements as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.

Bef I understand that my name will appear on the ballot as it is printed on this declaration of candidacy, and that I may not make any amendments or modifications after March 17, 2008.

Bef I have received a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.

Bef I have received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.

Bef I agree to file all campaign financial disclosure reports, including the report due seven days before my political convention, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot.

Benton Glover  
Signature of Candidate

Sandy Neill  
Signature of Filing Officer

March 14, 2008  
Date

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Before the filing officer accepts any declaration of candidacy, the filing officer shall read to the candidate the constitutional and statutory requirements for candidacy, and the candidate shall state whether he/she fulfills the requirements. If the candidate indicates that he/she does not qualify, the filing officer shall decline his/her declaration of candidacy. (Utah Code Section 20A-9-201, 202)

## Qualifications for UTAH SENATE AND REPRESENTATIVE

Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 5 and 6, 20A-2-101.5

- U.S. Citizen
- At least 25 years old at the filing deadline
- Three-year consecutive resident of Utah at the filing deadline
- Six-month consecutive resident of the district from which elected at the filing deadline
- Qualified voter in the district from which the person is chosen\*
- Never convicted of a felony\*\*
- Pay filing fee of \$32.40 (Senator) or \$16.20 (Representative). *(Filed Affidavit of Impecuniosity)*
- No person holding any public office of profit or trust under authority of the United States, or of this State, shall be a member of the Legislature; provided, that appointments in the State Militia, and the offices of notary public, justice of the peace, United States commissioner, and postmaster of the fourth class, shall not, within the meaning of this section, be considered offices of profit or trust.

\* A qualified voter (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a resident of Utah; (3) will, on the date of that election: be at least 18 years old, and have been a resident of Utah for 30 days immediately before that election; 4) and has registered to vote.

\*A person convicted of a felony loses the right to hold office until (1) all felony convictions have been expunged, OR (2) ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, been granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.